## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the C.F.R. §1.97(b) time period, but before the mail date of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance (whichever occurs first), with either:

- (a) a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); or
- (b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of foreign patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

- () Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):
  - () The enclosed references were cited in a Communication issued by the [Japanese, European, etc.] Patent Office (copy enclosed). Applicant(s) hereby certify that each item of information cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
  - () Applicant(s) hereby certify that no item of information cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing below after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) Enclosed is a check for \$180.00 to cover the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

300 South Wacker Drive-Suite 2500

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Telephone: (312) 360-0080 Facsimile: (312) 360-9315 Customer Number 24978 Respectfully submitted,

GREER, BURNS & CRAIN, LTD.





Sheet 1 of 1

Form PTO-1449 U.S. Department of Commerce (Rev. 8-88) Patent and Trademark Office  INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary)				Attorney Docket No.: 1238.68532		Serial No.: 10/687,505		
				Applicant: Zerong Wang				
				Filing Date: October 16, 2003		Group: 1724		
U.S. PATEN	T DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Date	Name		Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate	
					_			<del> </del>
FOREIGN P	ATENT DOCUMENTS							
							Translati	on
	Document Number	Date	Country		Class	Subclass	Yes	No
	CN 2238221Y	Oct. 23, 1996	China				Abs.	
	CN 2300680Y	Dec. 16, 1998	China				Abs.	
	CN 2286774Y	July 29, 1998	China				Abs.	
	JP 61-242232	Oct. 28, 1986	Japan				Partial (claims only)	
OTHER DO	CUMENTS (Including Aut	hor, Title, Date, P	ertinent Page	es, Etc.)				
					<del></del>			
			<u></u>					·
Examiner			Da	ite Considered				
*Examiner:	Initial if c	itation considered	, whether or	not citation is in conformance idered. Include copy of this fo	with MPEP 60	09; Draw line	through o	itation